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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER MANLEY DEFINES IMPERIALISM AND SOCIALISM
IN JAMAICAN CONTEXT

1. IN COURSE OF HIS SPEECH TO THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL
PARTY (PNP) CONFERENCE SEPT. 11, PRIME MINISTER MANLEY SAID
"IMPERIALISM DOES NOT MEAN WE ARE AGAINST THE PEOPLE
OF ANY COUNTRY. NOR DOES IT MEAN WE ARE FIGHTING ANY
GOVERNMENT." MANLEY SAID THAT EACH GOVERNMENT WILL BE
JUDGED AS WE FIND THE BEHAVIOUR OF THAT GOVERNMENT. HE
CITED THE CASE OF PANAMA, NOTING THAT THE PANAMANIAN HAD
STRUGGLED FOR YEARS TO ASSERT THEIR SOVEREIGNTY WITH JAMAICA'S
SUPPORT. " NOW THEY HAVE SIGNED A TREATY WHICH IS SATIS-
FACTORY TO THEM AND WHICH IS THEREFORE SATISFACTORY TO US."

2. ON SOCIALISM, MANLEY STRESSED THAT LOCAL SOCIALISM
CANNOT BE SEPARATE FROM INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM
BECAUSE "SOCIALISM IS A STRUGGLE THAT PROCEEDS
INTERNATIONALLY ON THE WORLDWIDE SCENE, AND SOCIALISM
AT HOME MUST MARCH IN STEP WITH INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM."

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3. COMMENT: MANLEY'S MOST RECENT DEFINITION OF
IMPERIALISM APPEARS DESIGNED TO COUNTER THE WIDESPREAD
ASSUMPTION THAT "THE TERM 'IMPERIALIST' AS USED BY THE
PNP, IS A SUPHEMISM FOR THE US". THE REDEFINITION FITS
COMFORTABLY INTO THE MANLEY CAMPAIGN TO SHOW THAT THE
PARTY HAS NOT WAVERED IN ITS SOCIALIST AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST

OBJECTIVES OVER RECENT MONTHS. IT WILL ALLOW CONTINUED
CRITICISM OF A MORE THEORETICAL "IMPERIALISM" WITHOUT
NECESSARILY BEING OFFENSIVE TO THE US AND OTHER "METRO-
POLITAN POWERS." PRESUMABLY THE REDEFINITION WILL
EXCLUDE REFERENCE TO "THE IMPERIALIST OF OUR NORTH"
WHICH CHARACTERIZED PNP PRONOUNCEMENTS IN 1976.
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